

NIXON'S TEAM: A DEDICATED GROUP OF MEN

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Vice President Nixon's smooth running, hard hitting, youthful staff is using the Republican National convention as a training exercise for the Presidential campaign.

The average age of 10 members who lead the Nixon team is 40.7 years, Nixon is 47.

They come from all sections of the United States, and from a variety of professional backgrounds, but they have only one purpose in life — to see that Richard Milhous Nixon is nominated and then elected President.

Klein is Press Chief

They have now converged on Chicago, and, altho scattered between the Hilton and Blackstone hotels, are together for the first time in months.

The best known among them is Herbert G. Klein, 42, La Jolla, Cal., the Vice President's press secretary and an editor (on leave of absence) from the San Diego Union.

He answers the many questions of newsmen, when the Vice President is not immediately available for comment.

He talks slowly, and appears to weigh his words. He seldom uses the personal pronoun. He will tell newsmen



Klein (left) and McWhorter

"The Vice President thinks . . ." or "No decision has been made by the Vice President."

Klein joined the Nixon staff in July of 1959 and made the world famous tour with Nixon to Moscow. He met Nixon while he was a reporter, and when Nixon was starting his first campaign for Congress in 1946. Klein, his wife, and their two daughters, Joanne, 14, and Patricia, 11, now live in Arlington, Va.

Finch is Top Aid

Another top aid is Robert H. Finch, 36, a native of Arizona and now a resident of Palos Verdes, Cal., Nixon's administrative assistant. Finch is tall, well dressed, articulate.

He is a marine corps veteran, and a former candidate for Congress from California, where he has been active in Republican politics. Finch is also a lawyer and a banker whose father once served in the Arizona state legislature.

Finch is a Civil war buff — when he has time. He and his wife have four children: Mahreen, Robert Kevin, Priscilla, and Cathleen.

Top Legislative Aid

Another top Nixon man is Charles K. McWhorter, 38, a native of West Virginia, but now a resident of New York City. Also a lawyer, McWhorter joined the Nixon staff in 1957, leaving a New York law firm to serve as the Vice President's legislative aid.

As a Republican active in youth organizations, McWhorter has been traveling across the United States helping younger elements of the party organize their support for the Vice President's nomination. This organization will be ready for a strong Presidential race.

Other staff members with key roles during the convention are:

Stanley E. McCaffrey, 43, executive assistant and a boyhood friend of Nixon. He was reared in Whittier with Nixon, was a football player and on the staff of the University of California. He and his wife and two children, Nancy and Steve, live in Berkeley.

William A. Flowers, 32, a staff assistant and native of Claremont, Cal., who got his first taste of politics at the age of 19, by serving as an assistant sergeant-at-arms, at the 1948 G. O. P. convention in Philadelphia. Like McWhorter, he's a bachelor.

One a Former Editor

James Bassett, 47, former political editor of the Los Angeles Mirror, director of planning activities, which include campaign itineraries. Bassett is on a leave of absence from the Los Angeles Mirror News, where he is assistant managing editor. He and his wife and one daughter, Cynthia Ann, now live in Glendale.

Edward A. Fred Rogers, 33, of Malibu, Cal., a former producer and director for CBS-TV, who now heads his own firm, Nixon's television advisor. Rogers has given Nixon hints on his television demeanor since Nixon was a senator. He and his wife have three children, Michael, Nancy, and Priscilla.

Richard L. Bean, 44, campaign press agent. Bean, his wife and two children live in North Hollywood, Cal., where he had been a public relations director for the Lockheed Aircraft corporation. He also is a former newsman.

On Leave of Absence

James P. Flowers, 42, of Sylvester, Ga., assistant campaign press agent, and an associate editor and writer for King Features syndicate on a leave of absence. He is a former financial writer who now lives in New York City.

James R. Shepley, 44, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., former newsman and magazine writer who is the campaign assistant in charge of research and ideas. He served in the Burma-China theater in World War II and now lives in Port Washington, N. Y., with his wife and seven children.

Also part of the Nixon team is Leonard W. Hall, 59, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., former

party chairman, an unsuccessful candidate for governor against Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, and one of the early supporters of President Eisenhower. He's acting as campaign manager.

Another is John C. Folger, 64, former United States Ambassador to Belgium, an investment banker, who is serving as Nixon's national finance chairman. He is a native of Sheldon, Ia., and now has homes in Washington, D. C., and New York City.